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1. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE SCHEDULES ONE-
HOUR PANEL DISCUSSION ON "IMPACT OF LATIN AMERICAN
INTEGRATION MOVEMENTS ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT" DURING
MORNING OF OCT. 3, FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE REQUESTED TO
PARTICIPATE: GEORGE THIGPEN (SAN JOSE); CLYDE TAYLOR
(SAN SALVADOR); JOHN FERCH (GUATEMALA); ROBERT SHULER
(TEGUCIGALPA); THOMAS O'DONNELL (MANAGUA); EDWARD
FEATHERSTONE (BRIDGETOWN); EDWARD TORRE (GEORGETOWN);
CAROLYN KINGSLEY (KINGSTON); JAMES TODD (PORT OF SPAIN);
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AND EDELEN FOGARTY (MEXICO).

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PRESIT IS PLANNED THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD BEGIN WITH IRESENTATION, FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, BY ROCAP DIRECTOR IRVING TRAGEN, ON THE STATUS OF CACM AND ON THE RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE IMPACT OF CACM ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY BRIEF PRESENTATIONS, UP TO THREE MINUTES EACH, BY THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS FROM CACM AND CARICOM COUNTRIES, EACH HIGHLIGHTING THE RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE IMPACT OF THE RESPECTIVE INTEGRATION MOVEMENT AS REGARDS U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN HIS OR HER HOST COUNTRY. FINALLY, MS. FOGARTY WOULD SPEAK FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF LAFTA, AND ON THE RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE IMPACT OF LAFTA ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA.

3. FOR GUATEMALA: SEPTEL IS BEING SENT REGARDING MR. TRAGEN'S PARTICIPATION.

4. MEXICO: IT IS SUGGESTED THAT MS. FOGARTY, IN PREPARING HER PRESENTATION, CONFER WITH CLINT SMITH UPON SMITH'S RETURN FROM COMPANION CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, SEPT. 24-26. LAFTA TOPIC IS TO BE EXAMINED IN DEPTH AT RIO CONFERENCE, AND SMITH SHOULD BE ABLE PROVIDE INFORMATION RE THOSE DISCUSSIONS. RUSH

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